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SUBJECT: ELECTIONS: POST-ELECTION SCENARIO

SUMMARY: CONTRARY TO SOME EXPECTATIONS, THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE REPLACED BY AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE APRIL 25 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. ALTHOUGH THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT MAY BE REPLACED OR MODIFIED DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN ASSEMBLY AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, ONLY THE NEW PRESIDENT CAN CALL A PRIME MINISTER TO FORM A PERMANENT GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. POST ELECTION SCENARIO: THERE IS WIDESPREAD MISAPPREHENSION AMONG FOREIGN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES HERE THAT FOLLOWING THE APRIL 25 ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC ELECTIONS, THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (PG) WILL BE REPLACED BY AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, HOWEVER, ARE SUCH THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELECTED GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE FORMED UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK

IN JULY AT THE EARLIEST. SHOULD A PRESIDENTIAL RUNOFF BE NECESSARY, THE PROCESS COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE END OF JULY. REPLACEMENT OR MODIFICATION OF THE PG, HOWEVER, AFTER ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS CAN AND IS LIKELY TO OCCUR. THE SEQUENCE AFTER THE APRIL 25 ELECTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- THE CONSTITUTION TAKES EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT APRIL 25.
- THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BEGIN ITS WORK UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT.
- THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT WILL BE SET FOR 60-70 DAYS AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. (MOST LIKELY DATE IS SUNDAY, JULY 4.)
- PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES MUST BE NOMINATED 30 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY.
- THE CANDIDATE MUST WIN HALF THE VOTE FOR ELECTION; IF NOT, THE TWO TOP CANDIDATES WILL FACE A RUNOFF WITHIN 21 DAYS.
- THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE SELECTED UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. ONLY THE ELECTED PRESIDENT CAN CHOOSE THE PRIME MINISTER TO FORM THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. INTERIM PERIOD: THE INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN THE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS LIKELY TO BE TROUBLESOME. THE PARTIES WILL CALL FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TO REFLECT THE ELECTION RESULTS. THERE WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE AN EFFORT TO REDEFINE THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN THE POST-ELECTION ENVIRONMENT, AND THE MILITARY WILL BE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF SELECTING A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. THESE PROBLEMS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

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